

U. S. PREPARED FOR FIGHT AT DROP OF HAT

Naval Advisory Board Gets
Reports Showing Readiness
of Nation for War.

EDISON STATES VIEWS

Inventor Says Manufacturers
Have Mobilized Resources
to Be Taken Over by U. S.

URGES \$1,500,000 LABORATORY

Submarine Engines Could Be Built in
Half Time, He Declares, if Rec-
ommendations Are Adopted.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Feb. 9.—The entire manu-
facturing resources of the country have
been mobilized so that they can be in-
stantly taken over by the government in
case of war.

American torpedoes have been im-
proved until now they are superior to the
torpedoes of any other power on earth.

Plans have been perfected for a phys-
ical and chemical laboratory in which,
among other things, submarine engines
can be built in six days.

Confidential designs of new foreign
fighting craft have been secured, con-
taining features not yet used by the
United States.

Great Machines Possible.

Aeroplane engines have been improved
so that machines never before constructed
here can now be built.

These concrete achievements were
placed by the various committees before
the Naval advisory board at its meet-
ing in the Brooklyn Navy Yard today.
They represent the activities of members
of the board since its last session.

The meeting was an executive one.
Thomas A. Edison presided. The latter
presented to the board plans for a
new laboratory. The plans are com-
plete in every detail and if passed by
Congress eventually will mean the
construction of twenty-three buildings.
The scope of this laboratory is to
cut in one half the present cost of
constructing naval vessels.

Can Save Time.

Immediately after the session, Mr.
Edison said:

"That laboratory is big enough to
build anything up to a submarine. If
they adopt my methods of working,
there is hardly anything they cannot
build within sixty days.

"For instance, take the engine for
a submarine. Under the old way it
took five months to build it. Here we
will put 300 men on it. Each man will
have a part in the work which can be
done in from 70 to 80 hours. We will
put the whole thing together and have
it running in six days.

"The laboratory is planned for quick
results. As an illustration, I was told
by one admiral that he had a specially
designed gun carriage that he wished to
be built. It was a year before he got it.
From his description I believe that the
laboratory could have built it in
seventy-two hours.

Universal Tools.

"There will be universal tools in the
laboratory, so that an individual can
do an individual act expeditiously.

"The laboratory will cost about \$1,500,
000 for the preliminary work. The ulti-
mate cost will be four or five millions.

Mr. Edison said that Howard Coffin
had got all the papers from every manu-
facturer in the United States mobilizing
everything to make ammunition in case
of war.

"We know every tool in the United
States that can be used to make am-
munition," he said.

It was pointed out by members of the
board that with the laboratory in ex-
istence, the manufacturer would be saved
the trouble of designing. It would also
eliminate waste of time, and delays in
construction, when new features did not
prove successful.

Four-Day Session Planned.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 9.—The subcom-
mittee on arrangements of the Democratic
National Committee, which is perfecting
plans for the national gathering here
June 14, held a short executive session
today. It is understood the committee
had agreed to a program lasting from
Wednesday until Saturday night, June 14,
to June 17, inclusive.

Hack Driver Killed.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 9.—One man was
killed and three suffered serious injuries
this afternoon when a Michigan Central
freight train ran down a funeral hack
at the Conant road crossing in Ham-
tramck. Charles M. Schumaker, 52 years
old, driver, was hurled under the train
and his body cut to bits. The other three
were thrown clear of the tracks.

Teiper Is Indicted.

Ruffalo, Feb. 9.—John Edward Teiper,
accused of having killed his
mother and his brother, Frederick, and
of having probably fatally beaten his
sister, Grace, on the Orchard Park
road, near here, a week ago last Sunday
midnight, was indicted today on a
charge of first degree murder.

Virginia Legislator Would Ban Short Skirts

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 9.—To
"protect the men of Virginia"
from the corrupting effects of
modern fashions, Capt. W. M.
Myers, of Richmond, today in-
troduced a bill in the State legis-
lature to regulate women's
clothes.

If the bill becomes law, no
woman can wear in Virginia a
skirt the hem of which is more
than four inches from the ground.
No woman can wear a shirt
waist or evening gown displaying
more than three inches of her
throat; and it is further provided
that no woman shall wear either
a waist or a skirt of transparent
material.

SUFFRAGE BILL GAINS GROUND

Susan B. Anthony Amend-
ment Wins in First Test
of Strength.

SUBCOMMITTEE ADVISES REPORTING BILL TO HOUSE

Counsels that Full Judiciary Com-
mittee Send Nationwide Measure Back
Without Recommendation.

The first legislative step toward na-
tional woman suffrage was taken yester-
day, when a subcommittee of the
House Judiciary committee acted favor-
ably on the so-called Susan B. Anthony
constitutional amendment for woman suf-
frage.

The subcommittee voted to recommend
that the full committee report the amend-
ment to the House without a recommen-
dation. The amendment soon will be con-
sidered by the full committee.

The subcommittee voted four to three
for reporting the measure. Representatives
Carlin, of Virginia; Gard, of Ohio;
and Whaley, of South Carolina, voted
against the proposal, and Representatives
Taggart, of Kansas; Nelson, of Wiscon-
sin; Morgan, of Oklahoma; and Volstead,
of Minnesota, voted for it.

Statements commenting upon action of
the subcommittee were given out by suf-
frage leaders here tonight. They asserted
that the amendment would be vigor-
ously pressed before the full commit-
tee.

Safe with \$7,000 Defies Burglars

Cracksmen Work for Hours to
Get at Money, Then
Steal Hat.

A \$7,000 cash was stolen by burglars
who broke into the coal office of T. H.
Watts, 212 C street southwest, Tuesday
night, following their futile efforts to
hack open a safe. The safe contained
\$7,000.

The burglary was discovered yesterday
by employees of the office when they
arrived for the day's work. Burglars' tools
were found near the battered safe.

Detectives Baur, Kelly and Burlingame,
who investigated, believe the bur-
glars spent several hours trying to open
the safe after forcing the office door.

Though the safe is small, weighing
about 500 pounds, the door held fast. Deep
razings of the chief were hacked about
the edge of the door and the combination
knob was knocked off.

Police believe there is some connection
between the burglary and the attempted
robbery of a safe in the office of William
Davidson, also a coal dealer, at 1218
Fourth street northwest, a week ago. In
the Davidson burglary a chisel and saw
were left behind.

Both cases undoubtedly are the work
of amateur safe robbers, police say.

May Solve Old Mystery.

New York, Feb. 9.—A mystery which
has baffled the police for nearly fifteen
months is expected to be solved by the
arrest of Frank Ferrara, who was taken
into custody today, charged with homi-
cide in connection with the death of
Barnet Baff, a wealthy poultry dealer.

New Archbishop Installed.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—With impressive cer-
emonies the Most Rev. George W. Mun-
delein, of Brooklyn, was installed as
archbishop of the Chicago Catholic arch-
diocese in Holy Name Cathedral today,
succeeding the late Archbishop Quigley.

3,000 Jewelry Workers Strike.

New York, Feb. 9.—The first jewelry
strike in New York in thirteen years
went into effect today when 3,000 jewelry
workers went out. They are demanding
a forty-four-hour week, the abolition of
piece work under certain conditions and
more money.

Miners' Demands Rejected.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 9.—The conference of
bituminous coal operators and miners
this afternoon formally rejected the de-
mands of the miners. This action was
expected.

GERMANS RAID BRITISH COAST IN SEA PLANES

Retreat Before English Air
Fleet After Killing Woman
and Child.

INVADE KENTISH COAST

London Declares Little Mate-
rial Damage Was Inflicted
by Enemy's Projectiles.

SEASIDE RESORTS ARE TARGETS

Four Bombs Fall on Grounds of Girls'
School at Broadstairs, but
None Are Injured.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Feb. 9.—Two German sea-
planes attempted another raid on the
Kentish coast today. This time they
were driven off by British aeroplanes
and seaplanes before they were able
to inflict any damage of importance.

The raid was aimed at the seaside
resort towns of Ramsgate and Broad-
stairs, which lie two miles apart. Two
women and one child were injured.

A dispatch to the Times from Ram-
sgate says:

"No Damage Reported."

"This afternoon two German aero-
planes arrived over the town from the
sea, dropping bombs on the outskirts
of the town about 200 yards from the
Cliff between Ramsgate and Broad-
stairs. Nearly all the bombs fell in a
field. No damage was done, except that
some windows of a private house were
smashed.

"At Broadstairs more bombs were
dropped. Four fell in the grounds of
a girl's school. Most of them exploded
before reaching the ground.

"Another bomb fell in the garden
of a private house, but did not ex-
plode.

"The German aeroplanes were over
the town only a few minutes, flying at
a great height, and then disappeared
seaward."

Too Many British Fliers.

An official statement issued by the
war office late this evening attributes
the retreat of the raiders to the im-
posing force of British aircraft which
went up to meet them. The statement
says:

"In the German air raid this after-
noon two women and one child were
injured. A number of naval and mili-
tary aeroplanes and seaplanes ascended
to attack the raiders, who retreated
immediately. No engagement is re-
ported."

An earlier statement issued by the
admiralty made no mention of the
British air defense force.

HUGHES AGAIN DENIES HE SEEKS PRESIDENCY

Supreme Court Justice Writes Vir-
ginian He Is Completely
Out of Politics.

Charles E. Hughes, Associate Jus-
tice of the Supreme Court, issued an-
other disclaimer today. The justice,
in a letter to Representative Bascom
Slomp, of Virginia, Republican State
chairman, says:

"I am entirely out of politics and I
know nothing whatever of the mat-
ters to which you refer." (These mat-
ters were the alleged activity in Vir-
ginia of an organization of former
officeholders and friends of Frank H.
Hitchcock in behalf of Hughes for the
Republican nomination.)

"I am totally opposed to the use of
my name in connection with the nom-
ination and selection or instruction of
any delegates in my interest, either
directly or indirectly," continued Jus-
tice Hughes in his letter to Mr. Slomp.

HANS SCHMIDT TO DIE.

Gov. Whitman Refuses to Save the
Unfrocked Priest.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Hans Schmidt,
the unfrocked priest, slayer of Anna
Amulur, will die at Sing Sing next
week. Gov. Whitman tonight refused to
interfere in the case.

Recently, on the ground that new evi-
dence had been discovered, the governor
granted a respite, which expires next
Monday.

Farmer Slays Wife.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 9.—John Hays,
aged 50 years, a farmer and railroad
living on the mountains back of Shick-
shinny, last night lured his wife, Minnie
Hays, 45 years, from their home to a
barn, and with a small-sized pocket-
knife cut her throat from ear to ear,
hacked her face and body.

Eight Cars Wrecked.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 9.—In a collision be-
tween two Philadelphia and Reading
freight trains north of this place, this
afternoon, eight cars were wrecked.
Traffic was blocked for a time. Frank
Neifert, of Tamaqua, fireman of one of
the trains, jumped and sustained a frac-
tured skull.

War Talk Is "Bluff," Pacifists Declare to House Committee

New York Woman Says Westerners Only Turned Out to See
Wilson's Bride—Rabbi Wise Doubts that People Are
Back of President in Preparedness Program.

Rabbi Wise, of New York; Walter E.
Fisher, Secretary of the Interior in the
Taft Cabinet, and Chancellor McCracken,
of New York University, appeared be-
fore the House Committee on Military
Affairs today in opposition to President
Wilson's preparedness policy. Lillian D.
Wald, of New York, and Sara Bard Field,
of San Francisco, supported the argu-
ments against national defense. Mrs.
Field told the committee that the Presi-
dent need not feel "set up" about the
reception he and his preparedness
speeches met in the Middle West.

"What the people turned out for," she
declared, "was to see the President's new
wife."

"The women of the West do not believe
that this talk of a possible war is any-
thing but bluff on the part of subsidized
newspapers. Furthermore, I am sick of
all this stuff about women being op-
posed to war because they go down to
the jaws of death to give life. We are
not opposed to a righteous fight, but this
stuff is all nebulous jingo put across by
a lot of munitions plants."

"This committee," she said, "of all the
fashionable women in New York City,
has sent out a circular in which Secre-
tary Garrison is mentioned, in an appeal
to the women of the country to begin to
prepare to care for the wounded. As a
result of this sort of hysteria women
are running to buy blankets to store in
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hear Mr. Wilson on his recent trip be-
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which he always uses." He argued that
the President held no mandate from the
people on which to base the prepared-
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Mrs. Florence Kelley of New York,
amused the committee hugely by her de-
scription of a circular from "The Wom-
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she said, was 126 Fifth avenue, New
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T. R. WILL NOT SHY IF ASKED

Col. Lyon Declares Colonel
Will Run if G. O. P.
States Urge It.

ROOSEVELT MAN TO WIN, DECLARES TEXAS LEADER

After Conference at Oyster Bay, He
Says Formal Announcement May
Be Expected Soon.

New York, Feb. 9.—"Col. Roosevelt will
accept the Republican nomination for
President, if it comes from Republican
States."

This declaration was made today by
Col. Cecil A. Lyon, known as the most
patriotic Republican in Texas. He had
just returned from Oyster Bay, where
he held a conference with Col. Roose-
velt and George W. Perkins.

"I might add," continued Col. Lyon,
"that if the Republicans want to win,
they had better take Roosevelt. I have
visited nearly every State in the Union
since October, and have found the sen-
timent overwhelmingly in favor of him.

"As a friend of Col. Roosevelt, I have
no desire to force the nomination upon
him. If I were able to get to the con-
vention I should vote against his nomina-
tion unless he could be assured of sup-
port from States which cast Republican
electoral votes."

Col. Roosevelt sails for the West In-
dies on Friday next. Upon his return,
it is expected that affairs will have
shaped themselves whereby he will open-
ly declare his candidacy. The fact that
Justice Hughes again forbade the use of
his name today, was declared by friends
of Col. Roosevelt to make the latter's
course practically clear.

Col. Roosevelt will sail on the Steamer
Guiana. His itinerary will include St.
Thomas, St. Croix, St. Kitts, Antigua,
Guadaloupe, Dominica, Martinique, St.
Lucia, Barbadoes and Demarara. He will
be accompanied only by Mrs. Roosevelt.

Indictments Are Quashed.

Grafton, W. Va., Feb. 9.—Ruling that
the grand jury, which indicted Charles
R. Durbin, former Grafton bank presi-
dent, on an embezzlement charge, and
John T. McGraw, founder of the same
bank and Democratic National Commit-
teeman from West Virginia, on charges
of being an accessory before the fact,
has been improperly drawn and empan-
nelled, Judge Forney today quashed the
indictments.

Farms for Soldiers Urged.

London, Feb. 9.—A grant of \$10,000,000
for the acquisition of land upon which
colonies might be established for ex-
soldiers and sailors, after the war is
over is recommended to the government
in a report of the department commit-
tee of the board of agriculture today.

Air Raid on Saloniki.

Athens, Feb. 9.—German aviators have
made another raid on the allies' camp
north of Saloniki. Bombs were dropped
on the Anglo-French cantonments at
Zetnik, but the machines were driven
off before they could do any serious
damage.

Relief Funds Alleged Diverted.

Amsterdam, Feb. 9.—The Echo de Belge
states that a pamphlet is being circulated
in Belgium claiming that the Germans
are using for their armies part of the
food being supplied to Belgian war suf-
ferers by the American relief committee.

Petrol Imports Regulated.

Athens, Feb. 9.—The British and Greek
governments today signed an agreement
regulating the importation of American
petrol into this country.

Finance Minister Named.

The Hague, Feb. 9.—Dr. Anton Van
Gijn has been appointed minister of
finance for Holland.

TRAINMEN ASK SHORTER DAY

Railroad Brotherhoods, in
Statement, Deny Their Ob-
ject Is Increased Pay.

REFUSE TO DECLARE THEIR STAND ON ARBITRATION

Says Railways Need Not Add to
Pay Rolls Unless They Want
Long Hours.

In the first official statement on the
subject, the four railroad brotherhoods
yesterday made clear their positions on
their request for an eight-hour day for
railroad employees.

The statement emphasizes that the men
are asking for a shorter work day, not
for more money.

"If the railroads insist on a longer
day," says the statement, "then it will
mean increased pay."

The railroad organizations decline to
commit themselves on the question of
arbitration, should the railroads refuse
the demand. The position of the orga-
nizations is thus stated:

"They are not opposed to arbitration,
neither are they pledged to accept it.
They are practically pledged to peace,
but that does not mean peace at any
price. It means peace with honor, and
not peace at the sacrifice of justice."

Federal Reserve System Praised

Carter Glass Declares Cur-
rency System of Country
Is on Sound Footing.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 9.—"Our old banking
system was one to make us the scoff
of Europe," was the declaration of Repre-
sentative Carter Glass, member of the
House Committee on Banking and Cur-
rency, in addressing the delegates of the
Pennsylvania and Atlantic Seaboard
Hardware Association at their annual
convention here today.

"We prospered not because of that sys-
tem, but in spite of it. But with the Fed-
eral reserve bank there is no sounder
currency to be conceived. We have pro-
vided a system based upon commercial
assets of the country. It is a system au-
tomatically responsive to the needs of the
community."

Representative Glass declared that the
Federal reserve system is not going to
break down.

"It will prevent panics and business
men can pursue their enterprises," he
said, "without fear of financial distur-
bances."

Miners Oppose Conscription.

Lancaster, Eng., Feb. 9.—A resolu-
tion opposing conscription was
adopted at a convention of coal miners
here today. The resolution, after con-
demning the spirit of conscription, ex-
presses the determination of the
miners to exercise a vigilant scrutiny
of the proposal to extend the military
service.

Has Biggest Hospital Ship.

London, Feb. 9.—To England falls
the honor of having the biggest hospi-
tal ship in the world. She is the
new 48,000-ton liner Britannic, which
was built at Belfast for the White
Star Line. As soon as completed she
was taken over by the admiralty, towed
to Liverpool and converted into a hospi-
tal ship.

Tammany Leader Dies.

New York, Feb. 9.—John C. Sheehan,
a well-known Tammany politician and
former police commissioner, died sudden-
ly in his office here today. He was 67
years old and a millionaire.

GERMAN AGENTS ARE NAMED IN 31 TRUE BILLS

Eight of Men Appear at Mar-
shal's Office to Give
Selves Up.

MUST RETURN TODAY

San Francisco Grand Jurymen
Charge Violations of Amer-
ican Neutrality.

RESULT OF PLOTTING PROBE

First Action Taken by Government
Against Representatives of For-
eign Powers in U. S.

Special to The Washington Herald.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Eight men
of the thirty-one against whom Fed-
eral true bills charging neutrality viola-
tion have been voted, appeared at the
United States marshal's office to-
day to submit to arrest. They were
told that until the indictments form-
ally were returned tomorrow, no ar-
rests would be made.

Franz Bopp, German consul-general
here, and Baron E. H. von Schack, vice-
consul, both of whom are on the list
which takes in other consulate officials
and employees, officers of steamship
companies, and Maurice E. Hall, Tur-
kish consul-general, said they would be
ready when wanted.

John W. Preston, U. S. District At-
torney, worn out from working in the
neutrality cases, was ordered today by
his physician to go to a hospital to
recuperate. Instead he left the city
for a vacation.

Those Indicted.

Among those against whom indict-
ments were voted were:

Franz Bopp, consul-general of Ger-
many; Baron E. H. von Schack, vice-
consul for Germany; H. W. E. Kauf-
mann, chancellor for the German con-
sulate; Maurice H. Hall, consul general
for Turkey; Frederick Jensen, former
owner of the steamer Mazatlan;
Johnannes H. van Koolbergen, alleged
agent for the German consulate; John
and Julius Rothschilds, wholesale gro-
cers; George and James Flood, steamship
agents, and Robert Capelle, general agent
of the North German Lloyd Steamship
Company.

The indictments are the first the gov-
ernment has attempted to obtain against
official representatives of foreign powers
in its efforts to curtail the work of al-
leged plotters.

Three of the bomb plot indictments are
new charges against Baron George Wil-
helm von Brincken, an attaché of the
German consulate; C. C. Crowley, a de-
fective, and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, an
investigator, who, with Crowley, was
employed by Bopp, according to the
charges. These persons already under
indictment accused of conspiracy to de-
stroy commerce and to use mails to in-
cite to murder, arson and assassination
are, according to District Attorney Pres-
ton, charged with violation of the Sher-
man anti-trust law and conspiring to
send a military expedition from the
United States.

Operated in Canada.